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REMARKS

In view of the fact that allowable subject matter has been indicated to be present in the case, an earnest effort has been made to bring the application to issue without delay.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 4-7, 10-12 and 15-18 would be allowable if written in independent form including all the limitations in the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 4, 5, 6 and 7 have all been amended to include the subject matter of the respective base claim. In addition, the problem with respect to the "said slot" under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, has been resolved in these claims.

Claim 9 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 10 and that of claim 1 and thus corresponds to claim 10 written in independent form. It is noted that spot weld includes point weld connections.

Claims 12, 17 and 18 have all been amended to include the subject matter of their base claim 1 and the intervening claim 14 from which they were formally dependent. Outright allowance of claims 4-7, 9, 12, 15-18 is therefore in order.

A charge form covering the fee for 7 independent claims beyond the three covered by the original fee is enclosed. It is requested that the previously submitted charge form be disregarded or destroyed. If the previously submitted charge form has already been passed for collection, a refund in the amount of \$35 is requested. In any event, a double charge should not be applied.

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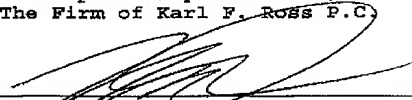
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The Examiner had rejected all of the claims under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as failing to contain the exact language with respect to the relative adjustment of the wall elements in plains thereof. The proper text has been inserted at an appropriate location in the specification and from the context will be readily seen as not to contain any new matter.

A petition for an automatic two month extension of the term is enclosed together with a PTO-2038 form charging the fee to a credit card of the undersigned.

Since this case is now in condition for allowance, an early Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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